

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. **(currently amended):** A method for controlling hydrogen sulfide odor which is generated in a treatment of a protein material at a high temperature under elevated pressure, which comprises

adding ascorbic acid, isoascorbic acid, or dihydroascorbic acid, or ascorbic acid stearic acid ester, ascorbic acid palmitic acid ester or salts thereof to ~~non-thermally degraded~~ protein material before heating and an optional secondary material,

thereafter treating said ~~non-thermally degraded~~ protein material containing ascorbic acid, isoascorbic acid, or dihydroascorbic acid, or ascorbic acid stearic acid ester, ascorbic acid palmitic acid ester or salts thereof and the optional secondary material at a high temperature under elevated pressure until the temperature thereof rises to from 110 to 200 degrees C, cooling said high temperature treated protein material and the optional secondary material, and obtaining a food material.

2. **(canceled).**

3. **(previously presented):** The method for controlling hydrogen sulfide odor according to claim 1, wherein said treating is carried out with an extruder.

4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented): The method for controlling hydrogen sulfide odor according to claim 1, wherein the protein material is a fish or shellfish protein.

6-15. (canceled).